

# WHAT'S UP, DACC?

APRIL 2021



## DART TRAINING

Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) field response officers kicked off April with Department Animal Response Team Training (DART) with the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue team. 23 DACC officers received training in how to properly secure a large animal to lift it out of a life-threatening situation, such as a flood or wildfire.

DACC Lieutenants Fred Agoopi and Alonzo Real oversee the large animal rescue team and are expanding it to include more qualified staff and training on the use of newly acquired equipment donated by the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation and through specialized grants. DART training also includes horse trailer loading and hauling. DACC is excited and proud to continue to develop this team to better support the needs of County animal owners, especially in the event of a major disaster.

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## DACC APPOINTS NEW CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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*I am excited to be given the responsibility to serve the residents of the County of Los Angeles in my new role as Chief Deputy Director of DACC. I look forward to continue the work of improving the lives of the animals, and the communities we serve.”*

*- Danny Ubario*

DACC is pleased to announce the appointment of Danny Ubario to the position of Chief Deputy Director. Danny has served as the Deputy Director for North County since 2015. The Chief Deputy reports to the Director and leads the Department in the Director’s absence. This position assists the Director in planning, evaluating, and directing the day-to-day operations of the Department such as managing fiscal, personnel, budget, and information systems. The Chief Deputy also oversees the enforcement of ordinances governing the licensing, impounding, keeping, adoption, and exhibition of animals in unincorporated County areas as well as the 44 cities that contract with DACC for animal care and control services.

A 22-year veteran of DACC, Danny has worked at or overseen operations at all of DACC’s seven animal care centers and two administrative facilities, as well as specialized programs such as the Critical Cases Processing Unit that investigates potentially dangerous and vicious dog cases, the Major Case Unit that investigates felony and misdemeanor cases of animal abuse and neglect, Animal and Facility License Enforcement Services, and Emergency Response.

“From helping struggling pet parents and their animals during this pandemic, to implementing DACC’s award-winning Managed intake and Enhanced Placement program, to leading staff and maximizing operational effectiveness during budget curtailments, strong leadership and commitment to public service has never been more important,” said Department Director Marcia Mayeda. “Danny brings his decades of experience and outstanding leadership to the Department during this critical time.”

# NATIONAL **TABBY** ~~DAY~~ MONTH!



National Tabby Day may be April 30, but we're celebrating during the entire month of April!

All cats only  
April 1-30

**\$16**

(Trust and license fees not included.)

Use the link below to view available animals and to schedule an appointment to adopt!

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## DACC OFFICERS RESPOND TO CRITICAL CAR ACCIDENT

DACC officers Rachel Montez-Kemp, Bethany Estes, and Edward Callaway were returning from a court hearing in Santa Clarita when they came across a car on fire. With no fire or sheriff personnel yet on scene, they stopped to provide immediate assistance. Corporal Callaway extinguished the flames, preventing them from reaching a nearby home and surrounding vegetation.

County first responders expressed gratitude to DACC personnel for taking action that prevented the spread of the fire to the house. "We are very proud of our officers' dedication to ensuring a safe community for all residents," said Director Marcia Mayeda.



## BOSTON BUDDIES

Story Provided by DACC Officer Christopher Valles

On March 6, DACC officer Matthew Davoodzadeh responded to a call of a dog who was found confined outside of a residence in the City of Palmdale. The dog, which had no apparent owner, was a black and white Boston Terrier and was immediately scanned for a microchip.

Corporal Davoodzadeh was able to identify the dog as "Zeppelin" who had been reported lost over two years ago. Upon being contacted, Zeppelin's registered owner was extremely grateful and immediately made an appointment to be reunited with him!



## SPICY KOJI

Story Provided by DACC Officer Melody Emmick

On March 10, an Akita was found abandoned in a Lancaster junkyard. Although somewhat difficult to handle, DACC officer Briana Aguilar was able to secure the large dog and locate a microchip. Officer Aguilar learned the dog's name was Koji and described his disposition as rather "spicy". DACC was unable to contact the owner via phone, so sent a letter to the last known registered owner's address.

Fortunately, the owner received the letter and informed staff that, like Zeppelin above, Koji had been missing for nearly two years! When Koji's owner arrived at the Lancaster Animal Care Center, the Akita's "spicy" demeanor instantly changed—he immediately calmed down and began licking his long-lost owner's hand.



# MARCH ADOPTIONS COUNTS

**518** DOGS  
**253** CATS  
**90** OTHER ANIMALS

ADOPTED IN MARCH!

**SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT  
TO ADOPT TODAY!**

**VISIT  
HERE!**

# APRIL NEWS



## ABNER

When 12-year old feline Abner arrived at Agoura as a stray, he was emaciated and very sick with an upper respiratory infection. He was immediately transported to Oaks Veterinary Urgent Care and hospitalized for several days.

After leaving the hospital, Abner was fostered by a long time volunteer very experienced with cats so he could continue to recover in a home environment. Abner gained enough weight to safely undergo major critical dental work, which included the extraction of five teeth. "He's very sweet, low maintenance, and good with his cat litter," said his foster mom. "The healthier he's gotten, the more he plays." DACC could not provide such dedicated care without its loving volunteer fosters!



## THE DODO

The Dodo, a media brand that focuses on animal-related stories, published a video about a pregnant and deaf mama dog formerly in DACC's care that was one of 140 rescued from a breeding facility. Thankfully, she was matched with the perfect foster couple.

You can view the video [HERE!](#)



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